

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SHERMAN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
<i>versus</i>	§	CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 4:22cr110
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MICHAEL LEWAYNE HILL (1)	§	
ANDREW CHARLES MORAN (2)	§	
TY ALAN BURKHART (4)	§	
JASON LAWRENCE GEIGER (5)	§	
ERIC REED MARASCIO (6)	§	
CHRISTOPHER LEE MCELFRISH (7)	§	
ELMER OMAR AYALA (9)	§	
GREGORY HATLEY, JR. (10)	§	
ALEXANDER ERIC CORTESANO (11)	§	
ARTHUR ATIK PONGTARATIK (12)	§	
FABIAN C. HERNANDEZ (14)	§	
DANIEL LEE WARREN (15)	§	
RAJAA BENSELLAM (16)	§	
HADI MOHAMMED TAFFAL (17)	§	
JONATHON JAMES SPENCER (19)	§	

**ORDER**


Defendants' Joint Motion for Continuance (#186) is granted. The Court, having considered the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3161, finds as follows:

1. Defendants' request is made knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily.
2. The Government and Co-Defendants have no objection to a continuance.
3. Having considered the factors listed in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B), the Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting Defendant's request outweigh the best interests of the public and the Defendants in a speedy trial.
4. The Court finds that in the interest of justice, this case shall be tried together with all co-defendants. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6) (excluding "[a] reasonable period of delay when the Defendant is joined for trial with a codefendant as to whom the time for trial has not run and no motion for severance has been granted").
5. This continuance is required to assure the necessary time for counsel to prepare effectively for trial, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

6. The period of delay due to the motion for continuance is the period from the date of the motion through the date of the new trial setting, and this is excludable time under the Speedy Trial Act.

Defendants' Joint Motion for Continuance is **GRANTED**, and this case is reset for **Pretrial Conference and Trial Scheduling** on **November 7, 2022**, at **9:00 a.m.**

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this 14th day of June, 2022.



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SEAN D. JORDAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE